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Central Tobacco Committee, Delhi. He was one of the Directors of the Tiruchirappalli-cum-Srirangam Co-operative Milk-supply Society, Tiruchirappalli.

The resolution reads as follows :—

“ This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri A. Ramasami Tevar, the late member of this House from the Tiruchirappalli South Constituency, and conveys its deep sense of sympathy to the members of his bereaved family.”

By way of passing the resolution, I request the hon. Members to stand up for two minutes.

The resolution was carried *nem con.* all the members standing.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As a mark of respect to the late member, I adjourn the House for the day. The House will meet again tomorrow morning at 8-30 a.m.

The House then adjourned.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

The Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948

426 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of zamins and estates which have been taken over so far under the Madras Zamindari Abolition Act of 1948; and

(b) the amount collected in those zamins and estates and the total amount of compensation paid to the old estate holders, district-war?

A.—(a) The number of zamin, under-tenure and inam estates which have been taken over, up to 15th July 1955 under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948, are as follows :—

Zamin	...	...	...	...	1,007
Under-tenure	...	...	...	...	978
Inam	...	...	...	...	2,655

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(b) The information is furnished in the statements below :—

STATEMENT I.

Amount collected in the estates districtwar up to 1954-55.

Name of district.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Chingleput	41,168	77,189	75,334	51,779	48,925
North Arcot	15,701	49,308	20,294	28,401	978
South Arcot	38	777	2,978	214	229
Tanjore	28,056	91,232	96,643	83,138	37,285
Tiruchirappalli	..	36,164	3,248	1,28,113	12,579
Madurai	58,440	1,15,075	86,559	16,544	1,59,308
Ramanathapuram	4,27,272	4,95,561	2,06,851	1,32,068	81,732
Tirunelveli	36,986	1,78,528	85,662	18,483	23,950
Coimbatore	4,948	8,714	1,802	44	..
Salem	25,105	94,733	21,942	6,671	3,379
Madras	47	3,879	483	925	..
	* 6,37,761	11,51,160	6,01,796	4,66,380	3,68,365

NOTE.—* These figures exclude the amount collected in the months of April and December 1950 for which Demand, Collection and Balance statements are not available.

STATEMENT II.

Particulars of expenditure incurred under advance compensation and interim payments.

District.	Half total compensation.	Interim payments.
	RS.	RS.
Madras	60,622	7,257
South Arcot	3,93,686	39,633
North Arcot	13,00,688	2,07,127
Chingleput	30,08,585	3,81,360
Salem	25,06,780	3,87,439
Coimbatore	3,22,326	35,822
Madurai	10,60,768	1,85,474
Tirunelveli	19,31,462	2,71,694
Tanjore	28,71,624	2,87,224
Tiruchirappalli	11,24,033	1,46,679
Ramanathapuram	74,43,265	18,43,311
	2,20,23,839	37,93,020

Ministers' tours

427 Q.—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of days each Minister of the Cabinet toured in each month from April to October 1954; and

(b) the total amount drawn by each Minister for each month by way of Daily Allowance and Travelling Allowance?

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A.—(a) & (b) The Ministers of the previous Cabinet did not tour during the period of their office from 1st to 12th April 1954. As regards the Ministers of the present Cabinet, a statement^a showing the particulars is annexed.

Schemes for the development of cottage industries

428 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the schemes that the Madras Government have to develop cottage industries?

A.—Particulars of the schemes for development of cottage industries have been incorporated in the Draft Second Five-Year Plan, a copy of which has been furnished already for the information of the Members of the Legislature.

Training centres for the development of cottage industries

429 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the places selected for—

- (i) Blacksmithy training units;
- (ii) Carpentry training units;
- (iii) Rattan work training unit; and
- (iv) Pottery training unit;

under the scheme for the development of cottage industries?

A.—A list^b is appended of schemes for training units in four crafts mentioned in the question which have already been sanctioned by the Government.

Fire accidents in Tiruvallur taluk

430 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of fire accidents that occurred in Tiruvallur taluk in the years 1953 and 1954;
- (b) the number of huts destroyed and the total estimated loss;
- (c) whether any discretionary grant was given to the victims; and
- (d) what other steps the Government took to rehabilitate them?

A.—(a) Eight in 1953.
Ten in 1954.

(b) Number of huts destroyed—
Seventy-three in 1953.
Eighty-four in 1954.

^a Printed as Appendix I on page 29 infra.

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Estimated value of property lost—

Rs. 6,480 in 1953.

Rs. 43,090 in 1954.

- (c) Yes, Sir. A cash grant of Rs. 385 was given in 1953 to 48 families and Rs. 1,425 in 1954 to 84 families.
- (d) Relief measures were undertaken besides giving cash grants by providing affected families with 134 palmyra trees and 25,000 palmyra leaves during the years 1953 and 1954.

Works under Post-War Road Development Schemes

431 Q.—SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(i) works taken up under Postwar Road Development Schemes;

(ii) Five-Year Programme of Village Communications;

(iii) works under Conservancy Funds Scheme; and

(iv) works for the improvement of village roads from the Government of India Grant from Road Development Funds in Chidambaram taluk?

A.—(i) Works on Government roads—

- (1) Providing black top surface in mile 31/3-8 of Vriddhachalam-Porto Novo road.
- (2) Cement concreting Chidambaram-Bhuvanagiri road, miles 0-3/5 and 25/2—26/0.
- (3) Reconstructing the bridge at mile 8/6 of Chidambaram-Mannargudi road.
- (4) Widening and redecking the bridge at mile 28/3 of Chidambaram-Sirkali road.
- (5) Metalling Chidambaram-Sirkali road, miles 29/2—30/7.
- (6) Providing dustless surfacing in mile 3/6 of Chidambaram-Bhuvanagiri road.
- (7) Widening Vriddhachalam-Porto Novo road, miles 16/0—22/0.
- (8) Widening Chidambaram-Mannargudi road, miles 8/0—15/6.
- (9) Constructing a submersible bridge at mile 14/2 of Cuddalore-Chidambaram road.
- (10) Constructing a bridge over the Coleroon river at Anaikaranchathiram on Chidambaram-Sirkali road.

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Works on district board roads—

- (11) Constructing a submersible bridge at mile 4/1 of Bhuvanagiri-Kurinipady road.
- (12) Metalling Killai road.
- (13) Extending Bhudarayampettai-Krishnapuram road up to Elekudi.
- (14) Improvements to Sivapuri road.
- (15) Improvements to Natarajapuram road.
- (16) Metalling Chidambaram-Sivapuri-Gavarapattu road.
- (17) Metalling Bhuvanagiri-Kurinipady road.
- (18) Constructing a bridge across Vettuvoikkal in V./R. 54—mile 1/6 of Kattumannargudy-Nattarmangalam road.
- (19) Extending the road from Nallamputhur to Alambadi and Athipattu.
- (20) Constructing a bridge across Vettuvaikkal near Kandamayalam on Kattumannargudy-Menswiti road.
- (ii) Works on district board roads—
 - (1) Forming road from Vadapakkam to Mathuranthakanallur.
 - (2) Constructing culverts in Vadapakkam-Mathuranthakanallur road.
 - (3) Constructing a bridge across Ariyagoshti channel and improvements to Kilanadinatham road.
 - (4) Forming a road from Vylamoor to Periakomati (via) Sendarakillai.

(iii) Works on district board roads—

- (1) Improvements to Chidambaram-Kilnatham road.
- (2) Improvements to Thirunarayur road.
- (3) Improvements to Puduchatram-Poovalai road.
- (4) Improvements to Bhudarayanpettai-Krishnapuram road.
- (5) Improvements to Kandamangalam road.

(iv) Works on district board roads—

- (1) Metalling Keerapalayam-Sethiatope road.

Public Works Department tank and poramboke lands in Tiruchirappalli district

432 Q.—SRI N. RAJAGOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of Public Works Department padugai tank and other poramboke lands available in Tiruchirappalli district, talukwar;

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(b) whether these lands have been leased out for cultivation or other purposes; and

(c) if so, the period for which the lands were leased out and the amount realized in the year 1954-55?

A.—(a) to (c) A statement ^a showing the particulars required by the hon. Member is furnished.

Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954

433 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of pattadars (landholders) in the State liable to pay surcharge under the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954; and

(b) the total amount expected from them by way of surcharge?

A.—(a) & (b)—

Name of the district.	Probable number of pattadars liable to surcharge.	Estimated revenue per year.
(1)	(2)	(3) RS.
Madras	21	46,000
Chingleput	37	3,500
North Arcot	54	3,300
South Arcot	205	32,182
Tanjore	1,887	5,09,000
Tiruchirappalli	380	27,000
Madurai	141	24,850
Ramanathapuram	98	11,870
Tirunelveli	218	35,520
Coimbatore	217	15,000
Salem	40	700
South Kanara	415	57,000
Malabar	1,296	*
The Nilgiris	83	8,000
Total	5,092	7,73,922

* The Collector of Malabar has reported that as the demand for fasli 1364 has not yet been fixed it is not possible to furnish even an approximate estimate of the additional revenue.

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434 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many persons so far have been assessed to revenue surcharge under the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954, in each district of the State; and

(b) what is the total amount of surcharge estimated from each district?

A.—(a) & (b)—

Name of the district.	Number of persons assessed to surcharge up to 30th June 1955.	Estimated revenue per year.
(1)	(2)	(3)
		RS.
Madras	Nil	46,000
Chingleput	Nil	3,500
North Arcot	23	3,300
Salem	13	700
South Arcot	75	32,182
Tanjore	491	5,09,000
Tiruchirappalli	13	27,000
Madurai	140	24,850
Ramanathapuram	19	11,870
Tirunelveli	69	35,520
Coimbatore	15	15,000
The Nilgiris	29	8,000
Malabar	238	*
South Kanara	33	57,000
Total	1,158	7,73,922

* The Collector of Malabar has reported that as the demand for fasli 1364 has not yet been fixed it is not possible to furnish even an approximate estimate of the additional revenue.

Relief measures for the handloom weavers in Pudukkottai division

435 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of handloom weavers in Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(b) the nature and extent of relief provided for them under the general scheme for the relief of all handloom weavers in the Madras State announced by the State and Central Governments?

A.—(a) There are 945 handloom weavers in the Pudukkottai division.

(b) Schemes financed from the Cess Fund provide for the organization and development of the production and marketing sectors of the handloom industry. Weavers who organize themselves into co-operative societies are given loans towards their share capital and working

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capital. They are also given, free of cost, improved appliances for increasing production. Marketing facilities for the disposal of the goods produced by them are provided through the sales depots opened by the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society and rebates are allowed on sales of cloth produced by the societies. The amount of assistance given to weavers' co-operative societies in the Pudukkottai division from the Handloom Cess Fund, so far, is shown below :—

	Interest-free loans sanctioned towards share capital of the weavers.		Subsidies sanctioned towards rebates allowed by the societies.	
	(1)		(2)	
	RS.		RS.	
1 Tiruvappur Weavers' Co-operative Society.	1,463	(share capital for 78 weavers).	1,184	
2 Parambur Weavers' Co-operative Society	575	(share capital for 23 weavers).	766	
3 Ramachandrapuram Weavers' Co-operative Society (newly started).	1,094	(share capital for 50 weavers).	..	

As regards weavers remaining outside the co-operative fold assistance is given in the shape of rebates on sales of cloth produced by them and sold through fair price shops.

Repairs to Kottilangadi bridge on Madras-Cannanore Trunk Road

436 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MUHAMMAD SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any report about the present condition of and the necessity for carrying out certain repairs to, the Kottilangadi bridge at mile 411/6 on Madras-Cannanore Trunk road;

(b) when an inspection of the bridge by a competent Engineer was last made; and

(c) when repairs were last done to the bridge?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) March 1955.

(c) May 1952.

Moranum forest area

437 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of Morandum forest area;

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- (b) when the forest was destroyed and for what purpose;
- (c) whether the land has been assigned to the ex-servicemen, landless poor and Harijans;
- (d) if so, whether any amount has been paid to them for the cultivation of the land;
- (e) whether the Government have any proposal to cultivate the land on co-operative basis; and
- (f) if so, the action taken to give effect to the proposal?

4.—(a) 3,813.36 acres.

- (b) The forest was destroyed during the period 1945–47 for purposes of cultivation.
- (c) No lands have so far been assigned as the finalization of survey is pending with the Deputy Director of Survey, Coimbatore. Pending finalization of the survey, lands have been allotted to 84 members of a co-operative land colonization society for landless poor organized in the area, at the rate of five acres for each member.
- (d) A sum of Rs. 16,296 has been disbursed to the members of the land colonization society by way of loans and grants for reclamation of land, purchase of bulls, seeds, manure, implements, etc.
- (e) & (f) A co-operative land colonization society has already been organized for the reclamation and cultivation of an extent of 450 acres. Another proposal to organize a co-operative land colonization society to settle 75 colonists on 450 acres is under consideration of Government. A scheme submitted by the North Arcot District Central Stores to cultivate 810 acres is also under consideration.

Hygienic and sanitary measures for the villages and cheris in South Arcot district

438 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what are the measures taken by the Government to keep every village and cheri in South Arcot district under hygienic and sanitary conditions?

A.—Sanitation in rural areas is a responsibility of the local bodies concerned. In South Arcot district, 40 panchayats have employed conservancy staff for regular sweeping and scavenging work to keep the villages under hygienic and sanitary conditions.

Construction of bridges in South Arcot district

439 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the names of bridges proposed to be constructed or actually under construction in the South Arcot district in the current financial year?

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A.—The information is given below :—

Names of bridges under execution during 1955-56.

1. Constructing a bridge across Thambipettai Odai at mile 15/3 of Cuddalore-Vriddhachalam road (Government).
2. Constructing a causeway across Pennar river in Mel-pattambakkam-Sornavoor road (district board).
3. Constructing a submersible bridge across Gadilam river at mile 110/2 of Vikravandy Lower Anicut road (Government).
4. Constructing a causeway across Masikuntha river at mile 6/3 of Sankarapuram-Moongilthuraipet road (district board).
5. Constructing bridge across Pambai channel near Mambalapattu R.S. on Tirukoilur-Villupuram road (district board).
6. Constructing submersible bridge at mile 5/2 of Mylam-Nallavoor road (district board).
7. Constructing a bridge across South Ponniyar river at mile 104/2-5 of Madras-Tiruchirapalli-Dindigul road (Government).

Names of bridges proposed to be taken up during 1955-56.

1. Constructing submersible bridge at mile 17/2 of Ulundurpet-Tiruvannamalai road (district board).
2. Constructing a causeway across Vellar river near Vriddhachalam at mile 4/8 of Vriddhachalam-Rajendrapatnam road (Government).
3. Constructing causeway at mile 11/6 of Cuddalore-Pallinalliyannur road (district board).
4. Constructing bridge across Melattar in mile 9/8 of Cuddalore-Pallinalliyannur road (district board).

Gazetted and non-gazetted officers in South Arcot district

440 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of gazetted and non-gazetted officers in the South Arcot district;

(b) how many of them are Harijans; and

(c) how many emergency provision candidates are serving in the several departments in South Arcot district and how many of them are Harijans?

A.—(a) The number of gazetted and non-gazetted officers in the South Arcot district is 100 and 3,356, respectively.

(b) The number of Harijan gazetted and non-gazetted officers among them is 4 and 234, respectively.

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- (c) The total number of emergency provision candidates serving in the several departments in South Arcot district is 205 and the number of Harijans among them is 8.

Tenements constructed by the City Improvement Trust

441 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to the unstarred question No. 175 on 9th August 1954—

(a) the number of tenements constructed by the City Improvement Trust in 1950–51, 1952–53 and 1953–54 and the number of Harijans occupying them; and

(b) the number of tenements constructed by the Corporation of Madras during the years 1950–54 and the amount spent thereon?

A.—(a) The particulars are given below :—

Year.	Number of tenements constructed.	Number of Harijan families occupying the tenements.
1950–51	Twin units — 2 Single units — 6	Six Harijan families are occupying six single units.
1951–52	Single units .. 3	
1952–53	Single units .. 4	Six Harijan families are occupying six single units.
1953–54	Twin unit .. 1	

(b) Two hundred and sixty-six tenements were constructed at a total cost of Rs. 17,18,354.

Maladministration of certain co-operative institutions in Tindivanam taluk

442 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any communication, dated 2nd January 1954, was received by the Government from Sri V. Gopala Gounder, M.L.A., Tindivanam, requesting the Government to investigate into cases of misappropriation, falsification of accounts and mismanagement of the co-operative institutions mentioned below :—

- (i) General Co-operative Stores, Tindivanam,
- (ii) Weavers' Co-operative Stores, Tindivanam,
- (iii) Co-operative Loans and Sales Society, Tindivanam,
- (iv) Land Mortgage Bank, Tindivanam, and
- (v) Central Co-operative Stores, South Arcot;

(b) what action has been taken in each case;

(c) the amount of loss involved in each case;

(d) what action was taken against the persons and officers responsible for this loss in each case;

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(e) the amount recovered so far, and how much is still outstanding in each case;

(f) if no enquiry was held in any of these cases, why; and

(g) whether there are cases among this group in respect of which enquiry is still pending and, if so, for how long?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g) A statement ^a containing the necessary particulars is appended.

Supply of paddy under the Civil Supplies Regulations

443 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any communication, dated 2nd January 1954, from Sri V. Gopala Gounder, M.L.A., Tindivanam, was received by the Government for the investigation of a case of a huge shortage of funds in the dealings between the Central Stores, South Arcot, and the rice mill owners in Tindivanam, in the supply of paddy under the Civil Supplies Regulations for the conversion of paddy into rice;

(b) how many cases were involved in Tindivanam alone;

(c) the amount involved in each case;

(d) what is the amount of shortage pointed out by the Audit department so far as this stores is concerned;

(e) what steps have been taken so far in this regard; and

(f) whether any steps were taken so far against any officer or person responsible for this shortage in any case?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seven cases.

(c) The amount involved in each of the seven cases is given below :—

			RS. A. P.		
1 Sri S. Venugopala Chettiar, Miller	—	3,094	2	4	
2 Sri R. Adinarayana Reddiar	..	3,963	3	1	
3 Sri P. Appanda Nainar	..	10,062	2	10	
4 Sri V. Ramaswami Reddiar	..	8,559	15	5	
5 Sri Chandanmull Sowcar	..	17,483	4	11	
6 Sri Venkatesa Mills	..	9,829	3	8	
7 Sri V. Thirupulisami Naidu	..	60,055	10	7	
Total	..	1,13,047	10	10	

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- (d) Rs. 1,12,021-8-6 as per the Audit Report for 1953-54 (the difference of Rs. 1,026-2-4 between the actual shortage and the shortage as per audit report was collected even before the completion of the audit).
- (e) Arbitration references were filed in all the seven cases. The accounts of the first three millers have been fully settled out of court. As regards the fourth and fifth items, settlement has been effected out of court except for small balances amounting to Rs. 241-7-0 and Rs. 149-4-6, respectively. In the remaining two cases, namely, the sixth and the seventh items, a sum of Rs. 3,595-9-4 and Rs. 50,715-2-0 have to be recovered. The Stores has filed civil suits in the District Court, Cuddalore, for the recovery of these amounts.
- (f) No officer is responsible for the above deficit in stocks. The only persons responsible are the millers concerned who failed to return a portion of stocks entrusted to them for milling and the ex-agents and employees of the stores against whom action was taken as stated in the answer to clause (e) of the question.

Age-limit for Harijans for admission to State Engineering Colleges

444 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the maximum age-limit prescribed for Harijan candidates who seek admission to the State Engineering Colleges;

(b) the number of Harijan students who were denied seats in the State Engineering Colleges since 1951 on the ground that they are oversaged; and

(c) if the age-limit was 22, why the Government ignored the age concession given to Harijan candidates up to 1951?

A.—(a) The maximum age-limit for all classes of candidates was 22 till the end of the academic year 1954-55. The age-limit has since been raised to 24 from the year 1955-56 in respect of Scheduled castes.

(b) Six students in 1953-54 and three students in 1954-55 who were overaged were denied admission because they were ineligible for admission.

(c) The general concession of two years to Harijan candidates was abolished from 1952-53 but deserving candidates who were overaged were granted admission on relaxation of the age rule by the Government.

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Construction of a road in Namakkal taluk

445 Q.—SRI M. P. PERIASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have prepared any plan and estimate to construct a road from Kalappa Naickenpatti to Kolli-malai in Namakkal taluk;

(b) if so, why the road has not been formed till now; and

(c) when the Government propose to take up the works?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Delay is due to the fact that the detailed investigation had to be carried out in unhealthy locality to fix a suitable alignment for the road and also for the bridges and culverts to be constructed on the road

(c) The detailed estimates for the work has been technically sanctioned by the Chief Engineer (Highways) in April 1955 and the work will be taken up soon after tenders are received.

Licences for rickshaws, etc., in the State

446 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of licences issued in each year from 1950 to 1955 for rickshaws, cycle-rickshaws and auto-rickshaws in the State?

A.—The numbers of licences issued from 1950 to 1955 are given below:—

Year.	Number of licences issued for		
	Rickshaws.	Cycle-rickshaws.	Auto-rickshaws.
(1)	(1)	(3)	(4)
1950	5,043	Nil	20
1951	4,610	5	68
1952	4,144	184	55
1953	5,004	894	54
1954	4,915	1,424	55
1955	4,522	1,679	102

Shrotriyam inam villages in the State.

447 Q.—SRI T. SHANMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of shrotriem inam villages in this State, on the eve of Estates Abolition Act;

(b) the number of the said inam villages taken over by the Government, if any, since the Act came into force;

(c) why the entire inam villages are not taken over by the Government; and

(d) the number of villages held by Brahmans?

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A.—(a) 2,246.

(b) 998.

(c) The reasons are—

- (1) Some of the shrotriem villages have been declared as not estates and some as not inam estates.
 - (2) Enquiry under section 9 of the Abolition Act is pending in the case of some villages.
 - (3) Some are covered by stay orders of civil courts.
 - (4) In some cases appeals are pending in the civil courts.
- (d) Six hundred and fifty-five whole villages and portions of 81 villages are held by Brahmans.

Block development areas in Tiruppur and Kangayam

448 Q.—SRI A. SENAPATHI GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the total allotments made under the various heads like loans, irrigation, rural water-supply, etc., to the Block development areas in Tiruppur and Kangayam separately so far;

(b) the amount actually spent so far under the different heads in the two areas separately;

(c) the amount drawn so far towards pay and allowances of the establishment; and

(d) the names and places of works concerning irrigation, buildings, wells sunk or deepened and any other items of works actually carried out in the two Block development areas?

A.—(a) The details are given in Statement ^a I appended.

(b) The details are given in Statement II appended.

(c) The details are given in Statement III appended.

(d) Detailed lists showing the works completed together with particulars are appended as Statement IV.

Reeds and pedal looms purchased from Handloom Cess Fund

449 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount, if so, how much, out of the Handloom Cess Fund, was spent by the Government for the purchase of standard reeds and pedal looms, etc.; and

(b) how many weavers have been supplied with them?

^a Printed as Appendix V on pages 34-46 infra.

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A.—(a) & (b) During 1953-54 and 1954-55, the following amounts were allotted to this State by the Government of India as grants for supply of standard reeds and pedal looms to weavers by the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society :—

	1953-54.	1954-55.
	RS.	RS.
Standard reeds ..	66,200	1,00,000
Pedal looms ..	13,240	1,00,000

The Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society has placed orders with a firm for the manufacture and supply of 1,000 standard reeds in the first instance. Of these, 186 reeds have been received by the State Society and up to 30th June 1955, the society spent a sum of Rs. 669-11-9. This amount will be recouped from the Cess Fund allotments. The State Society will distribute the reeds to the weavers' societies which undertake production of varieties of handloom cloth under the standardization scheme.

The State Society has purchased and supplied with the help of Cess Fund Grant, 28 pedal looms to weavers' co-operative societies at a total cost of Rs. 16,224-2-9. The looms were distributed as follows :—

1 Tiruchengode Weavers' Co-operative Society, Salem district	3
2 Attayampatti Weavers' Co-operative Society, Salem district	3
3 Taramangalam Weavers' Co-operative Society, Salem district	2
4 Kumarasamipatti Weavers' Co-operative Society, Salem district	2
5 Gudiyatham Shanmugar Weavers' Co-operative Society, North Arcot district	2
6 Guruvarejpet Weavers' Co-operative Society, North Arcot district	3
7 Peelamedu Weavers' Co-operative Society, Coimbatore district	3
8 Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Weavers' Co-operative Society, Madurai district	2
9 Cannanore Muslim Weavers' Co-operative Society, Malabar district	2
10 Puliampatti Weavers' Co-operative Society, Ramanathapuram district	2
11 Madura Weavers' Co-operative Society, Madurai district	2
12 Conjeevaram Pillayarpalayam Weavers' Co-operative Society, Chingleput district	2

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Government and private aided technical institutions in the State

450 Q.—SRI M. KANDASWAMY PADAYACHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the names of Government and private aided technical institutions in the State imparting instruction in Diploma Course in different branches of Engineering ;

(b) the strength of each section in each institution, year-war after 1945 ;

(c) the amount spent year-war after 1945 on each of these institutions for building, equipment and maintenance ; and

(d) the percentage of passes in each section year-war ?

A.—The particulars required are furnished in the statement^a appended.

Improvements to the Cauvery Delta Drainage in Tanjore district

451 Q.—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of places where improvements are being made to the Cauvery Delta drainage in Tanjore district ; and

(b) the number of places where such works have been completed ?

A.—(a) & (b) The particulars are given in the statement^b below.

Sivayijama and mitta lands in Salem district

452 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of estate managers in Salem district ;

(b) the extent of sivayijama lands and mitta lands taken over by the Government ;

(c) whether any penalty is levied on the peasants who occupy these lands and the reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether the Government have assigned these lands to the peasants and if so, the extent of land thus distributed ?

A.—(a) Five estate managers and three assistant managers as shown below :—

One estate manager in the grade of Deputy Collector, three estate managers in the grade of Tahsildar, one estate manager in the grade of Deputy Tahsildar, and three assistant estate managers in the grade of Deputy Tahsildars.

^a Printed as Appendix VI on pages 46-54 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix VII on pages 55-56 infra.

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(b) Sivayijama lands—15,601.23 acres (extent unauthorisedly occupied by ryots).

Mitta lands—684,608.00 acres (extent of ryoti lands taken over).

(c) Penalty is levied in accordance with the provisions of the the Land Encroachment Act, only if the occupation is found to be objectionable.

(d) An extent of 8.20 acres in Nochipatti village, Namakkal taluk, has so far been assigned to the Sivayijamadars.

Construction of dams, etc., under the head of Capital Expenses or Investment in Tiruchirappalli district

453 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent in Tiruchirappalli district (excluding Pudukkottai) for the construction of dams, excavation of new channels, and formation of new irrigation tanks, during the years 1929 to 1954 under the head of Capital Expenses or Investment;

(b) whether any schemes have been investigated recently to be recommended for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan, in the said district; and

(c) if so, the particulars thereof?

A.—(a) Rs. 35,99,336.

(b) Yes.

(c) Two schemes, viz., the Kattalai High Level Canal Scheme and the Pullambadi Canal Scheme in Tiruchirappalli district were investigated. The Kattalai High Level Canal Scheme as recently investigated is for the excavation of a canal of about 86 miles long from a site just to the right of the off-take of the leading channel of the South Bank Canal above the Kattalai bed regulator and for improving 119 existing tanks in Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore taluks. The canal is expected to irrigate directly and through the 119 tanks an area of about 20,622 acres. However, the feasibility of providing only indirect irrigation is being investigated separately by a special staff sanctioned for the purpose. The increased yield of foodgrains under the scheme is expected to be 7,468 tons.

The Pullambadi Scheme is for (1) the excavation of a canal for about 54 miles long with a head sluice located near that of the existing Peruvilai channel, (2) formation of about eight new tanks, and (3) improvements and repairs to existing 19 tanks. The canal will provide irrigation facilities to a total area of 22,114 acres in Lalgudi and Udayarpalayam taluks in Tiruchirappalli district directly and also indirectly through the tanks. The increased yield of foodgrains will be

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9,547 tons of rice. In this case also the feasibility of providing only indirect irrigation is separately under investigation by a special staff sanctioned for the purpose.

Offences of snatching of currency notes at bank counters in the State

454 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons charge-sheeted for offences of snatching of currency notes from customers at bank counters in the State in 1954–55;

(b) the number of persons arrested;

(c) in how many cases the offenders are absconding; and

(d) in how many cases they have not been traceable?

A.—(a) Two.

(b) One.

(c) One.

(d) One.

Overcrowding in the Government Mental Hospital, Madras

455 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMY PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is overcrowding in the Government Mental Hospital, Madras;

(b) the number of new cases admitted in the year 1953 and 1954;

(c) the number of patients that died during the above period; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1953—904.
1954—964.

(c) 1953—164.
1954—92.

(d) The reasons are as follows:—

Causes of death.			1953.	1954.
Epileptic	..	..	6	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	..	..	3	..
Exhaustion	..	..	3	..
Myocarditis	..	..	2	1
P.U.O.	..	..	1	..
Heart failure	..	..	5	4
Lung abscess	..	..	6	1

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Causes of death.			1953.	1954.
Colomea	..	..	1	..
Chronic Enteritis	..	..	2	3
Prephrol failure	..	..	2	6
Toxic Psychosis	..	..	1	..
Cardiac failure	..	..	6	5
Debility	..	..	49	38
Diarrhoea	..	..	3	2
Broncho-pneumonia	..	..	6	1
Neuro syphilis..	..	..	5	2
Dysentery	..	..	6	2
Tuberculosis	..	..	33	16
Entro-colitis	..	..	10	1
Asthma..	..	..	3	1
Hypertension failure	..	..	2	1
G.P.I.	..	..	9	2
Toxemia	..	..	..	2
Excitement	..	..	..	1
Respiratory failure	..	..	..	1
Circulatory failure	..	..	..	1
Total			164	92

Assignment of house-sites to Harijans in Malabar

456 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of house-sites acquired by the Government in Malabar in the year ending March 1955 and assigned to Harijans; and

(b) how many applications for house-sites were received by the Government during the period?

A.—(a) Under the rules framed by Government, acquisition proceedings for house-sites for Harijans in Malabar district can be initiated only if the Harijans concerned do not have any legal rights to the house-sites in their possession and are houseless. Two house-sites were acquired for two Harijans who were eligible for house-sites under the rules.

(b) Eighty-six applications were received. Out of these, 46 cases were rejected during the year 1954–55 as the Harijans were not eligible for assignment of house-sites under the rules. The remaining 40 cases are still pending inspection and enquiry.

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Land gifts for school farms in each district

457 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of lands received by the Government as gifts for school farms in each district;

(b) how many acres of the above are (1) single crop, (2) double crop and (3) dry lands; and

(c) whether the assignments have been completed and, if so, in how many cases?

A.—(a) Eight thousand six hundred and sixty acres and forty-six cents.

(b) Information is not available.

(c) No.

Poultry centres in the State

458 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of poultry centres in the State;

(b) the amount allotted and spent on improving the poultry under the First Five-Year Plan in the State and in South Arcot district; and

(c) the number of imported varieties of poultry and number distributed to various centres in the State under the First Five-Year Plan?

A.—(a) Assuming that information about poultry centres run by the Government alone is required, the number of such centres in the State is 31 as indicated below:—

(i) Two poultry farms, one at Madras and another at Cannanore.

(ii) Three poultry breeding centres, one each at the District Livestock Farms at Hosur (Salem district), Koila (South Kanara district) and Orthanad (Tanjore district).

(iii) Four poultry production centres, one each in the districts of Tanjore, Madurai, Ramanathapuram and South Kanara.

(iv) Twenty-two poultry demonstration units in various Government Veterinary institutions.

(b) Under the First Five-Year Plan an amount of Rs. 60,000 was sanctioned for the following two schemes:—

(i) District Poultry Farm, Cannanore, Malabar district.

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(ii) Import of day-old chicks from the United Kingdom. The amount spent on these schemes till the end of 31st March 1955 was Rs. 45,893-6-6. No specific scheme for poultry development was sanctioned under the First Five-Year Plan for the South Arcot district.

(c) Nine hundred and fifty day-old chicks (400 white Leghorn, 400 Rhode Island Red and 150 Light Sussex were imported from the United Kingdom). They have not yet been distributed as they are being reared at the Poultry Research Station at Teynampet, Besides 1,043 chicks comprising 780 white Leghorn, 91 Black-minorea, 102 Rhode Island Red and 70 Light Sussex, and 1,292 hatching eggs were purchased from Hassarghatta Farm, Mysore State. Of these 165 cockerels were distributed to the National Extension Service Blocks and 70 birds to the Mental Hospital, Madras, Milk-Supply Union, Ayyanavaram and some other veterinary hospitals.

Villages affected by dysentery in Malabar

459 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of villages affected by dysentery in Malabar in 1955, up-to-date talukwar;

(b) how many deaths have occurred due to this; and

(c) what steps the Government have taken to prevent the spread of the disease?

A.—(a) & (b) The number of villages affected by dysentery in Malabar in 1955 up-to-date talukwar is given in the statement below together with the number of deaths.

Names of the taluk.	Number of villages affected.	Number of deaths.
1 Ponnani	22	102
2 Walluvanad	5	3
3 Palghat	1	..
4 Ernad	4	4
5 Chirakkal	2	..
6 Kottayam	2	7
7 Kurumbranad	4	5
8 Kozhikode	6	10
9 Wynaad	4	12

(c) Chlorination of water-sources, disinfection, distribution of sulphaguanidine and other medicines and Multi-Vitamin tablets, distribution of skim milk powder, propaganda and treatment of cases, etc., were

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the steps taken by Government. Additional Health Inspectors were posted to attend to this work. D.D.T. spraying was done by the Entomological Assistant and Field Assistants in Nattika firka in South Malabar district which was the worst affected. Vans and jeeps were deputed for the quick movement of staff and equipment. One mobile medical unit was specially sent for treatment of cases in Nattika firka.

Area under wattle cultivation in the State

460 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the total area under wattle cultivation in this State (district-war);

(b) whether there is any proposal to grow wattle trees in the Government reserved lands in Malabar; and

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to subsidize the cultivation of wattle trees by private parties?

A.—(a) The cultivation of wattle is undertaken only in the Forest Divisions of Salem South, Nilgiris and Madurai West and the areas under cultivation in the three divisions are—

Salem South Division—50 acres.

Nilgiris Division—3,356 acres.

Madurai West Division—2,669 acres.

(b) & (c) No, Sir.

Muslim candidates for selection as Municipal Commissioners

461 Q.—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Muslim candidates that applied for selection as Municipal Commissioners in 1952 and 1954;

(b) the number that belonged to the Mappilla community; and

(c) the number selected?

A.—(a) The attention of the Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of his starred question No. 3933.

(b) Two, Sir.

(c) The attention of the Member is invited to the answer to clause (c) of his starred question No. 3933.

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Prohibition amelioration propaganda vans in the State

462 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Prohibition amelioration propaganda vans working in the State;

(b) the average number of working days and hours in a month for each van;

(c) the average monthly maintenance charges for the vans;

(d) whether any foreign or Indian films are carried in these vans and exhibited to the public; and

(e) if so, the footage of the films carried in the van at Tiruchirappalli on drink evils alone?

A.—(a) Six, Sir.

(b) Each van has to tour on an average 22 days in a month. The van does not move at midday and in the nights as otherwise equipment might be damaged due to excessive heat in the day and jolting in the night hours. The number of working hours for the van varies according to the distance covered for the purposes of propaganda.

(c) Rs. 350, Sir.

(d) The films supplied by the Films Division of the Government of India only are carried in the propaganda vans and exhibited to the public. No foreign film is carried in the propaganda vans and exhibited to the public.

(e) The footage of the films is not uniform. It varies from film to film. Besides the exhibition of the films produced by the Films Division, a film produced by the Co-operative Department and entitled "New Deepavali" depicting the evils of drink was exhibited during the months from October 1954 to February 1955 to the public through the local cinema houses in the Tiruchirappalli district. The length of this film is about 1,000 feet.

Schemes for the benefit of the working classes in the Second Five-Year Plan

463 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the schemes which the State Government propose to include in the Second Five-Year Plan for the benefit of the working classes in the State?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the preliminary draft proposals for the Second Five-Year Plan already circulated to the Members of the House.

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*Expenditure and receipts under the head " Government
Khadi Schemes "*

464 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the expenditure and receipts under the head " Government Khadi Schemes " for 1953-54 and 1954-55?

A.—

1953-54.

	RS.	A.	P.
Expenditure—			
Intensive Khadi Scheme	21,02,412	7	5
Extensive Khadi Scheme	27,336	0	4
Receipts—			
Intensive Khadi Scheme	24,31,277	15	10
Extensive Khadi Scheme	40,013	11	4

1954-55.

	RS.	A.	P.
Expenditure—			
Intensive Khadi Scheme	30,83,951	12	11
Extensive Khadi Scheme	28,814	7	3
Receipts—			
Intensive Khadi Scheme	24,21,131	8	4
Extensive Khadi Scheme	50,901	8	1

